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G.O. No. 407

DATED 7.3.28

[Despatch Abstract.]

Starred Question. Council Office.

29-9-27

Mr.A.B. Shetty.

THE DIVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

*1078. Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state --

(a) what steps, in addition to those already tried, the Government propose to take for destroying or keeping away wild animals which cause damage to crops and cattle in the vicinity of reserved forests in South Kanara; and

(b) whether they have considered the desirability of trying the following measures for the above purpose:-

(i) keeping forests clear of all undergrowth up to a distance of half a mile from the limits of private holdings,

(ii) encouraging panchayats of the neighbouring ryots to have periodical shikars in the reserves, and

(iii) giving rewards for the destruction of wild pigs?

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THE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

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Draft answer.

L.C.2. No 1078 * (Starred)

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Clause (b).

No. But the Govt understand that since Cy 22 the D.C. has allowed the villagers to clear undergrowth to the distance of half a mile in all reserves save the Coastal ... where the distance is limited to two hundred yards.

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The above answer has been approved by Hons C-2 and C-1.

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Starred Question. 1078 1927.

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Development Department.

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No. But the Government understand that since 1922, the Chief Conservator has allowed the villagers to clear undergrowth to the distance of half a mile in all reserves save the coastal ones where the distance is limited to two hundred yards.

Fort St. George,
19th October 1927.

A.Mc.G.C.Tampoe,
Secretary to Government.

To the Legislative Council Office.

The above answer has been approved by
The Hon'ble Khan Bahadur Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur and
The Hon'ble Mr. N.E.Marjoribanks, C.S.I., C.I.E., I.C.S.

F O R W A R D E D.
(By Order)

Superintendent.

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Attention 1-11-27

Damages to crops by wild animals in South Kanara.

*1032 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

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(ii) encouraging panchayats or the neighbouring ryots to have periodical shikars in the reserves; and

(iii) giving rewards for the destruction of wild pigs?

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(*b*) No. But the Government understand that since 1922, the Chief Conservator has allowed the villagers to clear undergrowth to the distance of half a mile in all reserves save the coastal ones where the distance is limited to two-hundred yards.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—"With reference to clause (*b*), may I ask whether the Government will consider the desirability of giving free permission to panchayatdars or the neighbouring ryots to hunt in the reserve?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"The suggestion will be considered."

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—"With reference to (*b*), may I know whether, in view of the increasing damage done by wild boars in recent years, the Government will consider the proposal of giving rewards for the destruction of these wild animals?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"I think we are at present giving rewards."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—"May I ask whether the Government have received any representation from the people of the Sampaji and other divisions of the Puttur taluk on this very subject and whether the Government will view it with favour?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"I am sorry I do not remember it at present."

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Dmc. Dept.

OM No 2973-I/27-, dt 21-11

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The C.C. is furnished herewith a copy of L.C. Question No 1032 and the answer given thereto together with a copy of the supplementary questions and answers. He is requested to report on the question of granting free permission to Panchayatdars of neighbouring ryots to hunt in reserved forests immediately adjoining cultivated lands chiefly subject to the ravages of wild pig.

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No 22 dt. 1927.

To The CC. 2 with enclosure. Copy 2 pp 4 cf.

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L.Dis.No.9751/27 Office of the Chief Conservator of Forests, Chepauk, dated 16-12-1927

From

R.D.Richmond Esq., I.F.S.,

Ag. Chief Conservator of Forests,

Madras.

To

The Secretary to Government

Development Department.

Sir,

Subject:-Forest grievances-South Kanara-cultivated lands-Ravages by wild animals.

Ref. Government Memorandum No.2973-I/27 Development 21-11-1927.

It is doubtful if appreciale damage is done to crops by wild animals of any kind in South Kanara, No objection would, however, be raised to the grant of a general permission to hunt pig in all areas of reserved forest not specially closed. Particulars of areas to be specially closed to the concession cannot be decided at present, but it might be desirable to close certain areas later for one reason or other, either temporarily or permanently. Subject to the concession being liable to be withdrawn if it were abused or led to damage to the forest permission to hunt pigs may be given in the months of July to January inclusive as there would be danger of fire from February to June.

2. It will not be possible in practice to restrict the concession to forests immediately adjoining cultivated lands chiefly subject to the ravages of wild pig. It would be difficult to decide what lands are "chiefly subject" to such ravages while a literal adoption of the concession in the forests "immediately adjoining" such lands would be too close a definition of the term and would lead to some hardship if it is a fx

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really a nuisance. But if the concession of free hunting of pigs is to be allowed, that permitting the cutting of undergrowth within half a mile of the boundary of reserved forests must be withdrawn because it is evident that the latter is not regarded by the people as of any value as a pig-preventive measure. From the point of view of the forest it is preferable that the risk of some damage by pig-hunting be incurred, rather than the certain (if, slow in some parts) deterioration of half-a-mile of accessible forest along the whole perimeter.

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For Ag. Chief Conservator

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Secl Dept.

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Date

To

The Collector of S. Kanara

with enclosure

Dpt No 2973 I/27-3 dt 12-1-28.

A copy of the papers noted in the margin is forwarded to the Collector of S. Kanara and he is requested to report on the question of granting permission to hunt in reserved forests immediately adjoining cultivated lands which are subjected to the ravages of wild pig. An early reply is requested.

for Secy to Govt

11/1/28

Govt Dept No 2973-I/27-3 dt 12-1-28

(1) L.C. Dpt No 1032 and its annexure together with the supplementary Dpt & annexure.

(2) Govt No 2973-I/27-3 dt 22-11-27 to C.C.

(3) C.C.'s letter No 9751/27-3 dt 6-12-27

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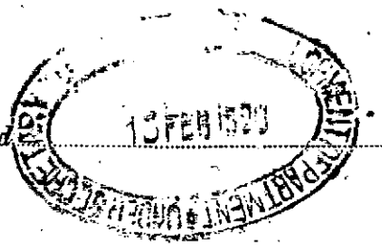

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Forests - South Kanara District - Reserves adjoining cultivated lands - Free permission to hunt - Legislative Council Question 1032 - Report submitted.

fo 8 supra. Government Memorandum No.2973-1/27-3, dated 12th January 1928.

ENCLOSURES.
No.
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I.O.C. No. 648-28-B1.

Station Mangalore *Dated the* 10th February 192 8.

From (Name) E.M. Gawne, Esquire, I.C.S.,

(Designation) Collector of South Kanara.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras

Development Department.

Madras.

Sir,

As a result of conferences with ryots during jamabandi in 1920, Mr. R.H. Ellis, the then Collector of this district, sanctioned properly organised beats by villagers in Reserved Forests for the destruction of wild animals provided due notice is given to the nearest Forest Official and a Forest Guard is present during the beat.

2. No advantage has, however, been taken of this concession by the villagers, although granted as a result of a conference with ryots. It may be due, to a certain extent, to difficulty in getting the attendance of the Guard. However, as the damage done by pigs is admitted, these hunts can be

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encouraged again as an experiment in the months in which there is no danger of fire viz. July to January. In order to prevent the danger of every thing driven out of the Reserves being killed regardless of its species, it is essential that a Forest Guard should be present during the beats and that any small party should not be allowed to go into the Reserve Forest whenever they like. I have not till now seen any signs of villagers combining to have a hunt. A man watches his own crops and that is about all.

Your obedient servant,

Collector.

M.S.R./10.

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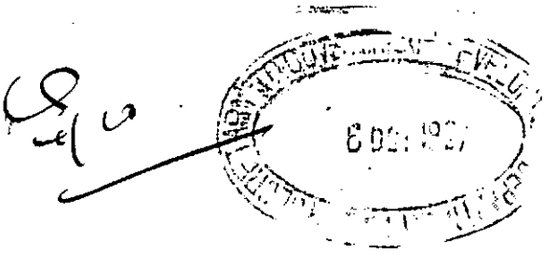
Law Dept. III-8—2,000—24-11-26. 6-10-27

QUESTION.—No 1078 for the next meeting of the Legislative Council ~~to be held on the 192~~ .

SUBMITTED that two copies of this Question may be forwarded to the Development Department.

The Question has been admitted.



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U.O. No. , *dated*

To

The Development Department.

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Dev: Dept.

To Under Secy

Please see L.C. Question on the C/P.

It is a starred Question.

Clause (a).

The steps taken by Govt for the destruction of wild animals in S. Kanara are explained in answer to Clause (b) of L.C. 2. No 854. There are no new proposals for the destruction of these wild animals under consideration of Govt. The answer to this Clause may therefore be in the negative.

Clause (b).

The Govt have not so far considered the advisability of trying any of the measures pointed out by the M.L.C. But ~~the Govt do not understand that~~ since Cl (2) the C.C. has allowed the villagers to clear undergrowth to the distance of half a mile in all reserves save the Coastal ones where the distance is limited to two hundred yards.

Draft answer is submitted below for approval. It may be sent to Revenue for acceptance.

14 OCT 1927

Dev: wo 2973 Dept

To Secy.

Draft for acceptance

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Reserves have accepted the draft answer. It may now be circulated to C2 and C1 for approval.

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To Under Secy

Please see extract of Council Proceedings at page 4 of. With reference to H.H's answer at A on page 4 of., it is submitted that ~~dismissing~~ the permission for hunting in reserved forests as contemplated by the M.L.C. will not be conducive to the successful protection of forests. The forests in Kanara are valuable forests and as such the permission asked for cannot be given unless the hunting takes place under the immediate supervision of departmental Officers. The C.C. may, however, be consulted before

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Coming to a decision on this point. Draft ON, is submitted below for approval.

17-11-27.

18/11/27

S. A. Tovey

Encl. [Con no 2973-I/27-1 of 21-11-27 to the C.C.F.]

Encl. [Cons 3016-I from the C.C.F no 9451/27 of 16-12-27.]

To Under Secy

Please see C.C.'s reply at pages 6-7 of the C.C. finds no objection to the grant of general permission to hunt wild pig in all reserved forests not specially closed subject to the condition that the concession should be withdrawn if it were abused or led to damage the forest. He accordingly recommends that permission to hunt may be given in the months of July to January inclusive as there would be danger of fire from February to June. For reasons pointed out in para 2 on page 1 of, he considers that it would lead to hardship if the Concession is restricted to any particular area as suggested in the memo at page 5 of. He also recommends that if the permission to hunt is going to be granted, the concession of clearing undergrowth may be withdrawn. In these circumstances it is for consideration whether the

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The recommendations referred to above may be approved by Govt.

20-12-27.

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The C.C. does not seem to have put forward adequate reasons for withdrawing the concession of cutting undergrowth in reserved forests up to half a mile from the boundary. In the first place there seems to be insufficient justification for his statement that the people do not regard the concession as of any value as a fire-preventive measure & in the next it will be seen from para 2 of his letter at p.6 of G.O. 1419 dev d. 12.9.27 that the concession also fulfils the purpose of furnishing a free supply of leaf manure.

2. The issue of licenses to hunt in reserved forests is a matter for the Collector of the Dt. I therefore submit that before anything further is done a copy of the CC's letter may be sent to the Collector for remarks on the CC's proposals.

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S. The Collr's remarks may be invited. 4/1.

Rd 9/1/28.

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To C.S.

Draft ord is submitted.

C.f. & Draft sent for issue 12/1.

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108 cf. Lr No 2973-E/27-3 of 12-1-28 to the Collector of S. Kanara

b9 cf. T Cro 507-E from the Collector of S. Kanara No 648/28 B 10 2/28

To Under Secy

Please see the letter from the Collector of S. Kanara at pages 9-10 cf. The Collector recommends that hunts for the destruction of wild animals may be permitted as an experiment in the months of July to January under the immediate supervision of a forest Guard. From para 1 of C.C's report on page 6 cf., it will be noted that the C.C. also has made a similar recommendation. Ors ordrs whether the recommendation of both the Collector and the C.C may be sanctioned.

It may be. 27/1/28

2. As regards the withdrawal of the concession of cutting undergrowth referred to in S's note on page 5 supra, the C.C has reported in another connection that these concessions have been considerably abused and that any change in the existing practice will not be carried out without a reference to Govt. Vide A on page 9 of Govt

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Can be issued. AG

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2169 Dec: of 17-12-27. No immediate action is therefore called for on this point. (A)

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Tobacco.

Draft order is submitted herewith for approval.

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18 Dec! DEPARTMENT.

L. C. Question

Have done by killed animals in S. Kanara — Permission to hunt in reserved forests — Sanctioned.

READ AGAIN G.O. No....., dated ..... 192 .

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READ ALSO:—

C. No. 55/1 Opn No 2973 I/27-1 dy 21-11-27 to the C.C.

" " 3816-I " " C.C.-7. " 9754/27 " 16-12-1927.

" " Opn No 2973 I/27-3 dy 12-1-28 to the Collector of S. Kanara

" " 507-I " " Collector of S. Kanara 648/20-B1 " 10-2-1928.

ORDER.

No. 407, dated 7/3 1928

Mis. Opn 1/3

As an experimental measure

The Govt sanction the proposal of the C.C. and the Collector of S. Kanara for permitting villagers to hunt wild animals in reserved forests in the S. Kanara Dt. ~~as an experimental measure~~ during the period ~~months~~ of July to January, of the current year.

only one N/pl.

The C.C. (1) with Copy of Collector's letter No 648/20-B1 & 10-2-28.

" Collector of S. Kanara. (2)

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Dup: Dept.

OM No 1002-I/28, dt. 30/3/28.

Ref: C.C's letter No 155-9/28 dt 17-3-28 — Concession of Charing Underground — South Kanara for withdrawal.

The C.C. is informed that the orders contained in Comm's 407 Ores, 7-3-28 do not contemplate the withdrawal of the Concession referred to in the letter read above. ~~and that~~ however separate proposals may be submitted if deemed necessary as the former concession being ~~is~~ a permanent lease is not to be ~~cancelled~~ forfeited by the Govt, but was intended to serve the ~~above~~ purpose on the ~~terms~~ [illegible] have not forfeited themselves to be ~~unsatisfactory~~ satisfactory.

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To the C.C.D.

Van Dept. RS 30/3 192

26-8-28 28/8/28 by the Govt

-Dy. Secy.

-Sec.

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Dw: Dept.

Subject:- Concession of clearing undergrowth in S Kanara forests — withdrawal —

Cno 1002-I from the C.C. No 133-9/28 of 17-3-28.

To Under Secy,

Please see C.C.'s letter in the C.F.

The permission to hunt pigs was granted as a temporary measure without imposing any restrictions in regard to the Concession of removing undergrowth in — Vide notes at pages 16-17 of Cnos 407 Dw: of 7-3-28. The C.C. had, however, reported in another Connection that the Concession of free removal of green manure leaves of unclassified species and dry leaves of all species has been considerably abused and that if any change in the existing practice is found necessary, it will not be carried out without a reference to Govt on the Subject — Vide portion marked A on page 9 of Cno 2169 Dw of 17-12-1927. This was the reason why no orders were passed on the question of withdrawal of the Concession of Cutting undergrowth — Vide para 2 of the office notes on pages 16-17 of Cnos 407 Dw 7-3-28. In the above circumstances, the C.C may be told that the orders contained in Cno 407 Dw: of 7-3-28 do not contemplate the withdrawal of the Concession referred

and that if any separate proposals may be submitted ~~both~~ if any such withdrawal of the Concession is necessary. Draft Ltr by C.C. is submitted. After issue the papers may be stitched with Cases & Dy Dy

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